Patrick Henry Ball League To Open May 3

SPORTS EXTRA

BY

Norman Simpson

SPORTSCASTER OF RADIO STATION W W O D

I'll confess I have never been much of a fisherman. However, as many of my friends have developed that far away gleamy look during the past two weeks, and keep mumbling words that sound like "spinner", "Bug Counterman" and "mepps" that I felt this was the time to remind everyone that the trout season in Virginia opens on the 28th.

The fact is that I have always been a little self-conscious about my lack of Izaak Waltonian enthusiasm. A good friend of mine who is an avid angler keeps telling me that it is not the evening of the same day that he has never seen any fish but I guess it's because he got so ravenous during that period of time that he ate them all except those that were too small. The other type of video that I was sure he got were monocular ones and if the authority quoted people haven't developed the fishermans' market, it would be a wonderful place to clean up.

I sincerely questioned this avid angler as to what he did between the hours before dawn and after dark and I came to the conclusion that he:

No. 1—Arrived early to beat all the other fishermen to their favorite spot, and sat quietly so as not to disturb the fish.

No. 2—Ate day broke and the gloom lifted he discovered that other fellows who also arrived early to beat everyone else, sitting quietly so as not to disturb the fish.

No. 3— Beat his way through briars and under brush in search of up-stream to another favorite spot to get away from the fellows at the first favorite spot only to find two (3) more fellows at second favorite spot.

No. 4— Fell down three times in trout getting water in right waders.

No. 5— Caught one fish every time in entangling leaders and lost two flies in the process.

No. 6— Caught hook four times in overhanging branch and lost two flies in the process.

No. 7— Caught hook four times in overhanging branch and lost two flies in the process.

No. 8— Kicked boot to get away from the rocks every 30 minutes or out of every hour trolling.

No. 9— Caught four fish. Had to throw three back.

No. 10— Lost last hook on the third time he fell into brook.

No. 11— Had to break window and reverse ignition to get home.

No. 12— Claims he had a wonderful time fishing and says he left all and touching like fishing to beat two weeks before the first game will be played.

I decided to do a little thinking myself in fact, I have been thinking thinking twice. I think I'll think twice before I go out and disturb all of our piscatorial friends in their natural habitat.

This column could not go to press without some mention of the big league baseball games played in Lynchburg earlier this week. It appears pretty certain that our prediction of last week that certain spring chores would be neglected was well substantiated. Monday's crowd at the Dodger - Bruin ball game came for the excitement and got their fill.

Sam Jethroe the speed merchant from Beantown, put on a batting exhibition that hasn't been seen here in some time. He topped it off with a homerun that wound his day up with four for four. The game was very indicative of the young agent.

The weevil is nearly always present in commercial berry-growing areas, and may be very destructive in home plantings.

Apply a 20 per cent toxaphene dust at the rate of 35 pounds per acre. One or two applications at 10-day to two-week intervals should give good results. A mixture of 5 per cent DDT and 5 per cent chlordane at the same rate and timing interval also will give satisfactory results. Do not apply these dusts after the berries begin to form, for there is danger of tainting the flavor of the fruit.

The agent explains that the female weevil lays its eggs in the bud before it opens and then proceeds to cut the steam near the base of the bud. After a few days, the bud drops to the ground, the grub develops and comes out as an adult weevil later in the season. There is only one generation a year.

A ferbam fungicide can be added to either of the dusts at a 10 per cent concentration to control leaf spot.

Hottest spot on earth is at the Persian Gulf.

Feature Special

Event Next Week

Something very special is being offered in Appomattox Tuesday April 15 and Wednesday, April 16. It is a FREE baby Chick offer at The Appomattox Grain and Feed Store-Yarnall Mitchell & Sons. Their store is located back of Babcock's Store. Do not pass up this opportunity! Be in Appomattox these days. Mitchell is local Purina Dealer. See his advertisement today on Page 9.

The Patrick Henry League will begin its baseball season on May 3, according to a full schedulist this week. The clubs in the league this year are: Charlotte C. H. Cotton'd, Pamplin, Drakes Branch, Brookneal and Rutledge Store.

Spout Spring players are joining this season with the team at Courtland.

The schedule ends August 10. The schedule for May 3:

May 3: Charlotte C. H. at Courtland; Rutledge Store at Drakes Branch; Pamplin at Brookneal.

May 4: Courtland at Charlotte C. H.; Drakes Branch at Rutledge Store; Brookneal at Pamplin.

May 10: Charlotte C. H. at Drakes Branch; Brookneal at Rutledge Store; Courtland at Pamplin.

May 11: Drakes Branch at Charlotte C. H.; Rutledge Store at Brookneal; Pamplin at Courtland.

May 17: Brookneal at Charlotte C. H.; Drakes Branch at Courtland; Rutledge Store at Pamplin.

May 18: Charlotte C. H. at Brookneal; Courtland at Drakes Branch; Pamplin at Rutledge Store.

May 24: Charlotte C. H. at Pamplin; Brookneal at Drakes Branch; Courtland at Rutledge Store.

May 25: Pamplin at Charlotte C. H.; Drakes Branch at Brookneal; Rutledge Store at Courtland.

May 31: Rutledge Store at Charlotte C. H.; Drakes Branch at Pamplin; Courtland at Brookneal.

Bass Hatchery Progressing

While bad weather both during the Winter and in early Spring has been a handicap in the construction of the new smallmouth bass hatchery in Smyth County, the work should be completed in the new farm year beginning July 1. Most of the brood stock has been furnished.

This new hatchery should at least double the output of smallmouth bass, rock bass and longearred sunfish being produced at the large hatchery at Front Royal. It will also save transportation costs in distributing fish over wide areas.

Anglers, especially in the Piedmont and mountain section of the state, will welcome the new installation of this new hatchery, which will supply a long felt need. Suitable waters for the spunky species which thrive in the cooler areas of the state are so extensive that it has been impossible to supply the demand for brood stocks of these fish to maintain numbers from the Front Royal Hatchery.

Conservation at Stevensville is supplanting the output from the hatchery for the largemouth bass, bream and crappie which have been completed and the facilities should be adequate to take care of increases of at least 50 percent in the supplies of the warm-water fishes.

STRAWBERRY WEEVIL CONTROLS ARE LISTED

Applications of toxaphene to control the strawberry weevil, or "Clipper," due to make its appearance in Virginia, are advised by the county agent.

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LIEUT. CARTER IN KOREA

Fifth Air Force Headquarters (Special to Times-Virginian) Second Lieutenant Richard E. Carter son of Mr. and and Mrs. T. E. Carter, of Appomattox, recently arrived at Fifth Air Force Headquarters in Korea for duty with the Adjutant General Section. A 1947 graduate of the Appomattox High School, Lieutenant Carter graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Mrs. Carter (the former Miss Bolling Conner) makes her home in Appomattox.

News Around Town

By Mrs. Calvin Robinson

I laughed at this one:

Driving thru the Ozarks with my wife last fall, we stopped at a mountain-stream to get some water, and, to make conversation with the loquacious man on the porch, I observed, "It's pretty awesome around here."

The mountaineer spat tobacco juice, shifted his corncob pipe and said: "Solitude is a state of mind which oftentimes in reactionary tendencies and iniquitudes those with hyper-sensitivity. However, having been a victim of claustrophobia during my adolescence, I find habitation in the environment of nature's wonders not only serene and desirous, but fundamentally mandatory."

We left him in silence and when we had driven a piece down the road my wife turned to me: "Well, why don't you say something you dumb chuck?"—Printsmith, Kansas City Star.

Miss Edna Gregory will join a group of entertainers on April 18 in Lynchburg to appear at the program at a Lynchburg Lions Club Ladies Night Banquet.

Mrs. C. W. Poore, of Culpeper, was called to Appomattox this week due to the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Lottie Blenson.

Mayor George B. Buchanan proclaims April 21-26 as Clean - Up Week in Appomattox.

Sgt. Clarence Mitchell, of Fort Belvoir, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Helonah Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Herndon Jr., of Brookneal, announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday, April 6, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Floyd Burke III, of Lynchburg announce the birth of a son, born at the Virginia Baptist Hospital on April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schweiner had as their guests over the week-end two soldier boys stationed at Camp Pickett. Pvt. Raymond Neiman, of Hollywood, California, and Pvt. Joseph Mackelson of San Francisco, California. It so happens that Mr. and Mrs. Schweiner have a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Corrick, who live next door to the Neiman's in Hollywood.

Friends are sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Emma Smith. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sgt. Estes Turner, who has been stationed at Boiling Field, Washington, is home on 30-day leave. Sgt. Turner will report to Roanoke for duty after furloughing here.

Jesse Guill, who has been receiving treatment at Hot Springs, Arkansas, returns home today.

Visiting guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clements and Calvin Clements, of Savedge, Va.: Mrs. Elvin and Miss Effie, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McClintic, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ford and daughter, Rosalie, of Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brockwell, Jr., Walker and Donald Brockwell, and Mr. Zach Miller, of Newport News.

Miss Lorrye Watkins, Cary, Richmond spent the week-end with Mrs. J. W. Flood and Mrs. C. W. Smith.

Mrs. J. W. Flood spent Friday in Richmond, visiting her sister, Mrs. Cameron C. Seay, who is a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Colts officially become horses at the age of five years.

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Personals . .

(Other Personals on Page 12)

Thomas A. Smith, of Danville, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Smith.

Miss Patsy Booth, of Radford College, is home for the Easter holidays.

Miss Frankie McKinney and Dr. C. H. Swing will spend the Easter week-end at his home in Charlottesville.

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...ed contest for nomination ...States Senator from Vi... announced today as Francis Pick... ..., of Charlottesville as a candidate to oppose ...

FATHER DARKLEAF

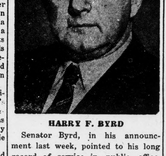
By The Editor

COUNTRY EDITOR ON TOUR

...ne question, what is ...famous river in America, ... not sure what their ... The Mississippi has also and unparalled history. ...State for its vicious wilds... Hudson for its stream of ... the James for its lore of days. But my answer would ... of the river of distinct ... the Suwannee River. ...Suwannee River is just what ...imagine, after hearing ... from the pen of the im... Stephen Collins Foster which ...pelled either to be 'yes-men' of the ...Byrd machine, or to buy their living ...at the price of political silence, or ...to leave the state.

...The faction which operates the ...Byrd system does not believe in ...government of the people, by the ...people, and for the people. They believe in government of the few, ...by the few, and for the few. Hence, ...their cunning is continually at work ...devising ways and means to limit ...the electorate and gradually to deprive those who vote of the fruits ...of their suffrage. It is a shocking ...fact that, though a hundred years ...ago some seventy per cent of Virginians who had the right to vote ...went to the polls, now only twenty ...five per cent go to the polls in our ...biggest general elections."

Mr. Miller also charged: "The Byrd Party in Virginia has joined the Old Guard of the Republican Party - its worse wing, the Taft wing. During Taft's campaign for re-election to the Senate in the autumn of 1950, Byrd spoke under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus, Ohio, and referred to Taft as a 'tower of strength.' When Senator Robert Alphonso Taft visited Richmond this winter, he said that he and Byrd agreed about nine-tenths of the time and 'That's about as high a degree of agreement as I have with any Republican Senator.' Harry Byrd has sold us down the Ohio River."



HARRY F. BYRD

Senator Byrd, in his announcement last week, pointed to his long record of service in public office, and declared, "As the campaign progresses, I will give an accounting of my stewardship and will make myself very clear on the issues confronting us."

Record Broken At Local Bowling Alley

Lathan Harvey rolled the highest three-game set ever bowled at the local Jamerson Bowling Alley last week. He had: 138, 148 and 131 for a 417 set.

The Gladstone team for which Harvey bowls, had the highest team total for 3 games of 1702.

A few weeks ago, Hammond Phelps of the "Transco" team rolled a high set of 404.

Baptist Group Holding Meet

The 148th session of the Appomattox Baptist Association began yesterday at the Elon Baptist Church, Pamplin and is being continued today at the New Chapel Baptist Church. The Rev. B. R. Bruner is moderator of the association, which includes Baptist Churches in this area of Virginia.

Rev. J. Parks Hackney opened yesterday's session with a devotional. This was followed by reports on denominational activities and several addresses. Dr. V. W. Sears, Rev. B. R. Bruner, Rev. W. M. Black, Rev. H. N. Soyars, Rev. R. P. Welch and George F. Abbitt, Jr. gave reports, and talks were made by Rev. L. P. Brown, Dr. J. C. Wicker, Rev. W. E. Cullers, Rev. G. A. Harris, Sr., Dr. W. E. Funsells, Mrs. P. A. Layne and Dr. J. W. Cammack.

Today's session is featuring reports and talks by: Rev. G. C. Venable, Dr. V. W. Sears, Rev. R. S. Wallace, Joseph C. Fusco, Mrs. J. Parks Hackney, Rev. G. A. Harris, Jr.; Rev. R. S. Booker, Dr. George W. Sadler, Rev. B. F. Robinson, James R. Bryant, Rev. Harold Parker, Rev. W. M. Sims, Rev. David L. Bailey and Rev. R. L. Randolph.

Shirey Heads Swine Breeders

George A. Shirey, Spout Spring, was elected president of the Virginia Swine Breeders' Association at the recent annual meeting at Verona.

Other officers elected were: Carl Grove, Waynesboro, vice-president; and George C. Herring, animal husbandman at VPI, secretary - treasurer. New directors are: C. S. Patterson, New Hope; Earl Parrish, Verona; J. R. Crabbe, Moratico; W. M. Terrill, Orange; and Keith Shaver, Crimora.

The Association also announced this summer sale schedule: Suffolk, August 5; Winchester, August 8; and Staunton, August 13.

ABBITT SPOKE AT SUFFOLK

Rep. Watkins M. Abbitt of the Fourth Congressional District spoke in Suffolk Tuesday night before a meeting of the Suffolk Lions Club. He declared that the present administration is failing to seek real economy in government, and that in trying to solve our international problems, we must not neglect our domestic problems, declaring that we should cut out all activities not essential to the welfare of the people.

VERA 4-H CLUB

The Vera 4-H Club held its regular monthly meeting April 10. Mrs. B. G. Anderson gave a talk to the girls on room improvement. Mr. Reginald Speir talked to the boys about their club projects. The girls have been making skirts as a project.

—Etta Beale, Reporter.

Blood Drive Nearing End

During the year of 191 there was a shortage of 9,000 pints of blood recorded at the Roanoke Red Cross Blood Center. Nine thousand blood donor bottles remain ed empty which should have been filled in the operating rooms of the counties cooperating with the Roanoke Blood Center. Successful Bloodmobile visits require the taking of at least 150 pints of blood on each visit. That the blood is desperately needed is made plain by the fact that on the average, each one of our wounded soldiers in Korea needs nine transfusions of blood. One of our young men in Appomattox County has received forty transfusions. The physically able must therefore respond willingly to the clarion call for blood for the saving of lives. The heroic boys in Korea are not too busy to give their lives. When the Bloodmobile comes to a community, its appreciative citizens find some hour during the day to appear as blood donors.

Successful Bloodmobile visits also require much work on the part of many persons. For instance, in Appomattox County in preparation for the Bloodmobile visit of April 19, the Lions Club, headed by Mr. A. R. Harwood, Jr., president of the club, has been trying to secure 160 signed blood donors. The publicity committee by press, radio, movie screen and personal correspondence has been keeping the Bloodmobile visits before the public. Volunteer services, directed by Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, have secured Nurses' Aides, Gray Ladies, Canteen Workers, Staff Aides, Blood Labelers, Receptionists and Motor Services. A number of blood recruiters, directed by the Rev. W. M. Black and the Rev. T. L. Simpson, have been working toward securing 60 signed blood donors. Memorial Methodist Church has been working toward furnishing canteen service at the Bloodmobile in Appomattox High School Cafeteria Saturday, April 19. Four young men, headed by Ted Mitchell, will unload and load the Bloodmobile Saturday.

All the labor of all the committees connected with preparation for a successful Bloodmobile visit is but incidental. The essential factor is the presence of 200 or more blood donors at the High School Cafeteria between the hours of 9:45 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. Saturday, April 19. If that number of persons come, the 150 pints of terribly needed blood will be obtained.

Won't you be one of 200 persons to be on hand to donate a pint of your blood toward saving a life in our country or in Korea?

—R. Carl Maxwell, Blood Program Chairman

—R. D. Robinson, Blood Recruitment Chairman.

STATE CAPITATION TAXES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 5 TO VOTE

Attention is directed to the approaching deadline for the payment of capitation taxes to be eligible to vote in this year's Presidential election in November. Capitation taxes must be paid at least six months prior to the election, which would set the deadline for May 5.

A large number of Appomattox County citizens have already paid their capitation tax, but due to the importance of and interest in the November election, it is urged that every citizen check into his or her eligibility at once, so as not to be found without a vote.

Appomattox Favors Russell, Eisenhower

A "Straw Vote" conducted by the Times - Virginian, ending Tuesday, revealed that as of today Appomattox people would favor General Eisenhower as the Republican nominee for President, and Senator Richard Russell, of Georgia, as the Democratic nominee.

However, the vote was no runaway for either, and straw votes were cast for virtually every candidate being mentioned for President in the November election.

The "straw vote" also revealed that as of now, Appomattox citizens would be inclined to vote the Democratic ticket in November, by approximately two to one.

The results of the informal straw vote balloting:

Favored for the Republican nomination:

General Eisenhower	45
General MacArthur	9
Senator Taft	39
Governor Warren	6
Ex-Gov. Stassen	11
Undecided	11

Favored for the Democratic nomination:

Senator Russell	41
Senator Kefauver	22
Governor Stevenson	18
Senator Byrd	16
General Eisenhower	6
President Truman	2
Senator Douglas	2
General MacArthur	1
Undecided	6

A special straw vote was conducted in three high school classes in the county to ascertain how future voters felt about the nominations. This special straw vote resulted in a larger margin for Gen.Eisenhower for the Republican nomination and a victory for Senator Kefauver on the Democratic ticket.

Lions Club

The Appomattox Lions Club had its regular monthly meeting last Thursday night at 6:45.

Annual Clean-Up Starts In Appomattox Monday

Blasting Of Ditches Will Be Shown

Due to the increased interest throughout the county on drainage problems, two ditch blasting demonstrations have been arranged by R. B. Hudgins, County Agent, and D. E. Kinchelow, Assistant Vocational Agriculture Instructor, in cooperation with J. A. Waller, Jr., Associate Extension Agricultural Engineer, and a representative of a powder company.

The demonstrations will take place next Wednesday, April 23, at 10:00 A. M., on the farm of C. D. Lewis, located about two miles north of Oakville; and at 2:30 P. M. on the low ground of the Sam Page farm now being operated by J. E. Burnette near Hebron Church.

The line will be laid out, the dynamite placed and several hundred feet of ditch actually shot. Prior to the demonstrations, J. A. Waller will discuss open ditch drainage and underground tile drainage.

Appomattox farmers are invited to attend these demonstrations.

NEW YOUTH CLUB

Reginald Speir, assistant county agent, and Mrs. B. G. Anderson, home agent, plan a new youth club for older 4-H youth. They have issued the following notice:

"Are you in the age group between 15 and 21 years? If so, and you'd like to have a lot of fun and at the same time gain education, we invite you to join our special youth club. Our organizational meeting will be held at the Appomattox High School auditorium Tuesday night, April 22 at 8:00 P. M. This will be a special Senior 4-H Club sponsored by the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service and conducted by the members of the club. At the organizational meeting, we will elect officers for a one year term, set up our constitution and by-laws, and plan for some of the programs. To learn by doing, with one's head, heart, hands and health,is the theme of 4-H work. We invite you to join our organization and grow with us. There are prizes, too, in any project you undertake either individually or as a group."

PLAYS IN LYNCHBURG

Crawford "Miff" Davidson, shown above, will play baseball this year with the Lynchburg Cardinals in the Piedmont League. The big Appomattox outfielder, a long ball hitter, played with the Norfolk Tars last season. The league play begins Friday.

Davidson received his start here with the high school and Skyline league teams, and went on into professional ball. His presence with the Lynchburg Cardinals is expected to be a boost to attendance at the City Stadium, as local fans follow their home-town player.

Appomattox has its work cut out for next week. April 21 - 26 is the Annual Clean-Up week in Appomattox, and citizens of the community are urged to cooperate to the fullest extent to make the effort successful.

Clean-Up Week is sponsored jointly by the Town and the local Garden Club.

The town truck will be on extra duty all week, to haul away trash, debris, garbage and a winter's collection of litter. The Town suggests that property owners clean their yards and when they are all set for the town truck to come, they call the town manager's office and notify the manager, Mr. Charles Hunter, so that he may send the town hauling crew. This cooperation may serve to speed up the hauling away of trash, etc. Garbage should be placed in covered containers on sidewalks in front of property. The town truck will be on duty for this purpose all week. Mayor George B. Buchanan and members of the Town Council have pledged fullest help in making the Clean-Up a success.

Attention should be given to vacant lots as well as to yards in the annual beautification promotion. An effort is being made to improve the appearance of the cemetery, and of grounds at public buildings.

Appomattox has always been a community in which people took pride in the appearance of their premises. Clean-Up Week is an opportunity for teamwork to give extra results in a mutual bid for neatness, sanitation and improvement.

State Highway Department trucks have already been active in cleaning rights-of-way.

AHS Delegates At Model State Assembly

The Appomattox High School Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs have elected legislators to attend the fifth annual Model General Assembly, sponsored by the Virginia District YMCA in Richmond April 19 and 20.

The Hi-Y Club is sending Fred Carr, a Youth Senator, who is being sponsored by the Times-Virginian.

The Tri-Hi-Y is sending three Youth Legislators, Misses Anne Goad, Cecil Kay Hillsman and Peggy Cole, and their advisor, Mrs. Louise T. Brown.

While in Richmond the legislators will hear a message from the Governor and pass on legislation recommended by the various clubs represented.

More Corn In Va. Possible

PMA Chairman John T. Hunter is confident that Appomattox farmers will respond to the Department of Agriculture's request for more corn production this year.

He said that he expected more acreage on some farms, higher yields on others and an increase in both acreage and yields on many.

"Limitations of land and labor may restrict some farmers in putting more land into corn," the chairman said, "but any farmer who follows the good advice offered by the VPI Extension Service can step up his corn yield that is, if given normal weather."

He referred to a recent statement made by Dr. H. L. Dunton, head of the VPI Agronomy Department, who said that "Virginia's corn yield was 43 bushels last year, which means the average yield will have to be 47 bushels in 1952 if farmers are to meet the state goal of 45 1-2 million bushels of corn.

"It is not only possible, but practical for Virginia farmers to increase their corn yields, not just four, but at least 12 bushels per acre. That would make it a 55 bushel average, and three times the requested increase."

Dunton added that "it can be done without upsetting any farming program."

"If farmers will follow the recommended and proven practices, the only thing that can prevent them from going over the top in corn production would be unfavorable weather."